IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO. 500 OF 2006

SMT. JOANITA FERRAO AND 5 ORS., ...Petitioners

Versus

SHRI CARLOS FERNANDES AND 6 ORS., ...Respondents

Mr. P.A. Kamat, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. M.D Salkar, AGA for respondents no. 6 and 7.

Coram:- J. N. PATEL, J.

Date:- 29th November, 2006

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Heard.

2. The petitioner has approached this Court for a limited relief, seeking an order directing the respondent no.6 to decide Miscellaneous Application No.210/04 as expeditiously as possible within a period of three months.

3. The learned Counsel appearing for the respondents no.6 and 7 states that due to huge pendency of matters before the Tribunal, the Tribunal is not in a position to cope up with the work and that is why matters are pending before the Tribunal at all stages.

4. This Court inquired from the learned AG as to what step the State has taken in the matter of consitituting a separate Tribunal for South Goa, so that the burden of work can be shared. The learned AG has informed that separate Tribunal for South Goa is likely to become functional by end of January 2007.

5. Leave granted to correct prayer clause (b). The amendment to be carried out forthwith.

6. In view of the fact that there is an ad-interim order in operation, it will be in the interest of justice if the Tribunal dispose of the same expeditiously.

7. Therefore the petition is allowed in terms of prayer clause (b). The respondent no.6 is directed to decide the Miscellaneous Application No.210/04 as expeditiously as possible within a period of three months from 1.12.2006. It is made clear that no further extension of time would be granted by this Court.

8. The petition stands disposed of accordingly. The learned Counsel for the petitioner to communicate the order to respondent no.6.

9. Authenticated copy of the order be furnished to the learned Counsel for the petitioner.

J. N. PATEL, J.

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